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SUBJ: INCOME DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM FOR LABOR LEADERS

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1. PRESIDENT OF SAO PAULO METALWORKERS FEDERATION, ARGEU EGYDIO DOS SANTOS, TOLD LABATT APRIL 25 THAT HIS FEDERATION WOULD NOT SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO SPECIAL STUDY PROGRAM. HE SAID INTERNATIONAL METALWORKERS FEDERATION (IMF) HAD THREE MAJOR MEETINGS SCHEDULED THIS YEAR. OF THESE, DOS SANTOS PLANNED ON ATTENDING ONLY MEETING TO BE HELD IN JAMAICA. HE DID NOT SEE UTILITY IN SENDING DIFFERENT, UNIFORMED REPRESENTATIVES TO VARIOUS LABOR CONFERENCES AS SUCH REPRESENTATIVES COULD NOT ADVANCE THE MEANINGFUL INTERCHANGE HE IS SEEKING. FOR THIS REASON, HE PREFERRED NOT TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES

TO THE SPECIAL STUDY PROGRAM.

2. MINAS GERAIS FEDERATION TO ATTEND: DOS SANTOS SAID HE UNDERSTOOD

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FROM AN EARLIER CONVERSATION WITH THE BELO HORIZONTE METALLURGICAL UNION THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINAS GERAIS FEDERATION HAD RECEIVED AN INVITATION DIRECTLY FROM THE UAW TO ATTEND THE BLACK LAKE MEETING WHICH IS INCLUDED IN THE SPECIAL STUDIES PROGRAM. DOS SANTOS HAD RECEIVED A SIMILAR UAW INVITATION. HE SAID THE MINAS GERAIS FEDERATION WAS PLANNING TO SEND ONE OR MORE REPRESENTATIVES. (EMBOFF IS MAKING PERSONAL CONTACT WITH MINAS

GERAIS FEDERATION PRESIDENT SOARES SILVEIRA TO DISCUSS NOMINATIONS TO THE SPECIAL STUDY PROGRAM.)

3. DOS SANTOS SENSITIVITIES: DOS SANTOS STRESSED HIS KEENLY FELT SENSE THAT THE BRAZILIAN FEDERATIONS WERE NOT GIVEN THEIR DUE IMPORTANCE AS CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR COMMUNITY. HE SAW LITTLE UTILITY IN "PAID JUNKETS" AS THEY DID NOT CONTRIBUTE TO REALISTIC INTERCHANGE; LATIN AMERICANS TOO OFTEN DEFERRED TO OTHERS IN INTERNATIONAL UNION MEETINGS, EVEN WHEN THEY HAD OWN POINTS OF VIEW. DOS SANTOS WAS PLEASED TO HAVE ATTENDED RECENT UNITED AUTO WORKERS CONVENTION BUT WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT UAW PRESIDENT FRASER HAD NOT SEEMED TO TAKE HIM OR HIS VIEWS SERIOUSLY.

4. RELATIONS WITH THE IMF: DOS SANTOS SAID HE HAD HAD USEFUL THREE-HOUR CONVERSATION WITH IMF PRESIDENT REBHAN IN LATE FEBRUARY. DOS SANTOS EXPLAINED THAT THE BRAZILIANS ARE NOT PRIMARILY CONCERNED ABOUT FORMAL REPRESENTATION ON IMF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUT RATHER THAT THEIR VIEWS BE GIVEN WEIGHT COMPARABLE TO THEIR SIZE, IMPORTANCE, AND FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

5. COMMENT: DOS SANTOS DISCLAIMS ANY FUTURE PERSONAL AMBITIONS. HIS DISCLAIMERS ARE STRENGTHENED BY HIS REOCCURRING POOR HEALTH. HIS COMPLAINTS ON THE LACK OF RECOGNITION ARE THUS BELIEVED NOT MERELY MANIFESTATIONS OF AN INJURED SENSE OF SELF-IMPORTANCE BUT RATHER ARE REFLECTIONS OF DEEPLY HELD NATIONALISTIC/PATRIOTIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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